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IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel Claims 3, 5 and 7 and rewrite Claim 1 as follows. The status of all claims in the case is also set forth below.

1. (Currently Amended) A water-in-oil emulsified composition ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of:

(a) 0.1-20 wt% organophilic clay mineral,

(b) 10-70 wt% oil component,

(c) 0.01-10 wt% emulsifier having an HLB value of not more than 7, and

(d) 0.1-80 wt% microgel having an average particle size of 0.1-1,000 micrometers

obtained by dissolving in water or an aqueous component a hydrophilic compound having a gelation ability and consisting of one or more members selected from the group consisting of

agar, carrageenan, curdlan, gelatin, gellan gum, and alginic acid ~~in water or an aqueous~~

~~component~~ followed by cooling below the gelation temperature to form a gel, which is then

pulverized, said microgel containing only water or aqueous component and said hydrophilic

compounds, wherein said emulsified composition contains 65.0 – 85.0 wt% of water phase parts

which consist of water, aqueous components, and said microgel.

2. (Currently Amended) The water-in-oil emulsified composition of claim 1, wherein the average particle size of the microgel is 1-300 micrometers.

3. (Cancelled)

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4. (Previously Presented) An emulsified cosmetic comprising the water-in-oil emulsified composition of claim 1.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) An emulsified cosmetic comprising the water-in-oil emulsified composition of claim 2.

7. (Cancelled)